

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add the paragraph in the specification after the title:

The present application claims priority under 35 USC § 119 to Finnish Patent Application Number 20040067, filed January 19, 2004, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device comprising a working shaft (3) and a control shaft (4) installed in a frame part (2), the control shaft being rotatable and adapted to turn the working shaft, and the working shaft (3) being adapted to change the position of poles of the switching device, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ one (4) of said two shafts (3, 4) passes through the other (3), and that wherein said shafts (3, 4) are at an angle relative to one another.
2. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the control shaft (4) passes through the working shaft (3).
3. (Currently Amended) A switching device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the axes of rotation of the working shaft (3)